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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP
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Application No.: 10/526,901)	Group Art Unit: 1641
Filed: April 6, 2005)	Examiner: Pensee T. Do
For: PARTICLE FOR MAGNETICALLY)	Confirmation No.: 7851
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Response to Restriction Requirement is in complete response to the Official Action (Restriction Requirement) mailed on October 5, 2007.

The Examiner has required that the present application be restricted, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372, to one of the following two groups of claims:

- **Group I:** 1 to 7, and 12 to 18 drawn to a particle comprising of magnetically inducible material;
- **Group II:** Claims 8 to 11, 19 and 20 drawn to a method of transporting substances.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I, which includes Claims 1 to 7, and 12 to 18. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants request that the restriction requirement be modified so that the subject matter of Group II will also be examined.

It respectfully is pointed out that the particle of Claims 1 to 7, and 12 to 18 is the same particle used in the method of Group II. Accordingly, it respectfully is

that the subject matter of Claims 8 to 11, 19 and 20 of Group II could be conveniently prosecuted in the same Application. The search of the prior art could be carried out on a coextensive basis. The Examiner is urged to use discretion under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and to withdraw the restriction requirement since the search and examination of all claims could be accomplished without an unduly serious burden. Such examination is urged to make possible increased efficiency for all concerned.

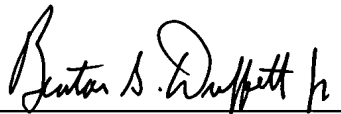
In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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